

## **Manchester Conservation Commission**

### *Revised Meeting Minutes*

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**6:10—8:45 P.M.**

**Location:** City Hall

**Commissioners Present:** Michael Poisson (Chairman), Kathleen Neville, JoAnn O'Shaughnessy, Marty Gavin

**Commissioners Absent:** Todd Connors

**Others Present:** Pat Mattson, Jane Frink, Don Demers, John Bugden, Rich Cantu (EPD)

**Submitted By:** Marty Gavin

**~Next Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005~**

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Minutes of last meeting**

- Minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with the following corrections: Under Conservation Easements of Old Business, the woman's name who JoAnn spoke with is actually Joan Mckibben, not Kathleen.

#### **II. Treasurer's Report**

- According to JoAnn, *Joan Mckibben is discussing boundary details with Terry Harlarcher (Planning)*. Also JoAnn is considering resigning as treasurer, but will stay on until the West Environmental project is taken care of.

#### **III. Old Business**

- West: Mike did not get a chance to invite Mark to this meeting.
- Keylock Self Storage: A site walk was conducted at 51 Sargent Road on October 10<sup>th</sup> and after an extensive tour of the property the Commission agreed to sign off on the project. Tom Minuti and Shannon McCarthy (proprietors) brought us to the area where a proposed Conservation Easement may be in place. This section of the property serves as a wildlife corridor for a large variety of wildlife (many tracks found) and runs along the Cohas Brook. On another note, the Commission discovered that a section of the Manchester Airport's property has been clear cut. This could be a violation of the Shoreland Protection Act, because of how close it was done to Cohas Brook. Eric Skoglund is pursuing this matter further. Rick Cantu said that we could use his GPS to see if they are within their limits or not.

- Pointe at 55 Riverfront Dr.: Don Demers started off this discussion with a brief story of how the Pointe used to look and what has happened to it recently, he also described his encounter with a Bald Eagle that was perched on a tree limb not too far from his home. His displeasure with how the developer has conducted business (which is shared by several other Dockside residents) was discussed, as well as the lack of interest shown by the Planning Department. Primarily we focused on the fact that the developer (GFI) has continuously violated specific regulations of the City of Manchester as well as the State of New Hampshire. Rick Cantu pointed out that tree cutting outside of the permitted area has been done on at least two separate occasions, and both have gone on without any acknowledgement of wrongdoing or regard for the authorities which govern projects such as these. We were all in agreement that the developer acted negligently and believe that a proper penalty must follow these actions. Currently, 34 certificates of occupancy have been withheld by the Planning Dept., and should not be granted until all mitigation requirements have been met. This temporary halt is due to the rigorous efforts of Rick Cantu, who out of all the agencies involved, has been the only one who has actively pursued a solution to this issue. Rick presented documentation for an easement along the shore land of this property, which was originally supposed to go to the U.S. Fish & Game, but was turned down, because of the current condition of land. **The Commission voted all in favor of taking over the easement, and agreed to conduct a site walk at this location on Monday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.**
- SEPP: Kathleen brought up some of the SEPP projects that are going on in the area. She mentioned that permits have been submitted for the wetland expansion plan for Nutts Pond and that expenses are higher than expected, due to additional costs, such as the extra money needed for the pipe insulation at Henry's Auto body. She said the SEPP Committee did discuss running the pipe directly through the wetland instead of what was originally planned. Kathleen also mentioned that the SEPP Committee is giving Jane a deadline extension for the Bass Island project. On another note, Bob McKenzie informed Kathleen that a developer is interested in building 3 houses on Crystal Lake, on a particular area that could be used to expand the park instead.
- Bass Island: Kathleen brought in a copy of an email from Jane Beaulieu to Art Grindle, that indicates the recent Bass Island developments. According to this email it appears that the Wild Willy's project is a dead issue, and that the Families and Transition funding is not a possibility. So with a deadline extension granted to Jane by the SEPP Committee and some possible funding from NH Division of Historic Resources and the trust for public lands the preservation of this parcel may actually become a reality in the near

future. Jane points out that the Heritage Commission and the Conservation Commission could work together taking ownership of what suits each commission's criteria.

- ConCom: The Commission received a letter from the Board of Mayor and Alderman who met October 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 and approved our request of using alternates when other Commissioners are not present. See Ordinance: Amending Chapter 32, Conservation Commission, Section 32.092 Composition: terms, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester.

#### **IV. New Business**

- Hackett Hill: *Pat informed the Commission that there is a location on Hackett Hill where a geocache is located. Geocaching is sort of a high-tech scavenger hunt, in which participants use GPS devices and a given set of coordinates to find a well hidden cache that usually just contains trinkets. Whenever someone finds a cache, they post their impressions of the area on a geocaching website. A recent cache post at HH caught Pat's eye, because it mentioned ATV traffic in the area even though "No ATV" signs are posted at entrances to the HH Preserve. She also mentioned that recently she had noticed a flatbed truck from Nault's Honda parked in the French Hall parking lot.*

#### **V. Mail**

- Oath of Office: A copy of Kathleen Neville's Oath of office, signed October 6<sup>th</sup> 2005.
- Wetlands and Non Site Specific Permit 2003-00446: Permittee, 342 Rockingham Rd. LLC, 603 Old Mammoth rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. Project located at 12000 S. Willow Street. Project to dredge and fill a total of 43,442 sq. ft of man made wetlands in a former excavation site, for a commercial development lot. A 16.6 acre parcel will be placed in a conservation easement for mitigation compensation. Approval date: 10/14/2005.
- Wetlands and Non Site Specific Permit 2005-01688: Permittee, Robert Demers, 656 S. Mammoth Road. Project calls for an impact of 816 sq. ft. of wetlands and stream to replace 3 culverts to convey drainage to Mosquito Brook. Approval Date: 10/14/2005
- NHDES: Letter addressed to James Vasil of 210 S. Mammoth Road, regarding his request for an extension of his permit deadline. Dated 10/17/05.
- Watershed News: Volume 17, No. 5—September/October 2005